WHAT IS CLAIMED

1.   A method of playing a video wagering game of draw poker against a pay table comprising

a player placing a maximum wager on the game;

the player viewing an initial hand;

the player electing to continue ordinary play of the game or surrendering by forfeiting 60% or 40% of the maximum wager and receiving credit for 40% or 60%, respectively of the maximum wager; and

the game ending for the player.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein a possible player's hand cannot be revealed in ending the game for the player.

3.   The method of claim 1 wherein a possible player's hand can be revealed to the player.

4.   The method of claim 1 wherein the game is five-card draw poker.

5.   The method of claim 1 wherein the game is a wild card variant of five-card draw poker.

6.   A method of playing a video wagering game of draw poker comprising

a player placing a maximum wager on the game against a first pay table;

the player viewing an initial hand;

the player electing to continue ordinary play of the game or surrendering by forfeiting a predetermined portion of the maximum wager and receiving credit for a remaining portion of the maximum wager;

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if the player elects surrendering, the game is continued against a second pay table with payout rates on at least one hand being lower than the payout rate for a same hand as in the first pay table; and

continuing play of the game.

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7. The method of claim 6 wherein surrendering may be performed only when a maximum wager has been made in the wagering game.

8. A video poker wagering game machine comprising:

10   a visual display;

a plurality of player controls including a surrender player control;

a processor and memory, the processor programmed to execute and display a draw video poker game;

and wherein the processor is further programmed to prohibit surrender when an

15 initial displayed hand is one of a plurality of winning outcomes.

9. The device of claim 8, wherein the processor is further programmed to permit execution of a bet surrender when a maximum wager is placed.

20 10. The device of claim 8, wherein surrender is defined as one of either 40$ or 60% of the initial wagered amount.

11. The device of claim 8, wherein the plurality of winning outcomes are five card poker outcomes.

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12. A method of playing a wagering game, comprising:

a player placing a wager to participate in a video poker game;

displaying an initial hand of cards on a video game machine display;

providing an opportunity for the player to surrender a portion of the wager unless the initial hand is a predetermined winning hand;

providing an opportunity to replace cards; and resolving the hand.

5   13.   The method of claim 12 wherein surrender is permitted when the player has placed a maximum bet.

14.   The method of claim 12, wherein the surrender is either 40% or 60% of an amount wagered.

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15.   The method of claim 13, wherein the surrender is either 40% or 60% of an amount wagered.

16.   A method of playing a video wagering game of draw poker against a pay table
15   comprising

a player placing a wager in whole credit units on the game;

the player viewing an initial hand;

the player electing to continue ordinary play of the game or surrendering by forfeiting an amount closest in whole credit units to 60% or 40% of the wager and
20   receiving an amount closest in whole credit units credit for 40% or 60%, respectively of the maximum wager; and

the game ending for the player.

17. A method of playing a video wagering game of draw poker comprising

a player placing a wager on the game against a first pay table;

the player viewing an initial hand;

the player electing to continue ordinary play of the game or surrendering by

5 forfeiting a predetermined portion of the wager and receiving credit for a remaining

portion of the maximum wager;

if the player elects surrendering, the game is continued against a second pay table

with payout rates on at least one hand being lower than the payout rate for a same hand as

in the first pay table; and

10 continuing play of the game.